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APIB PROJECT FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched an Agro-climatic Planning and Information Bank (APIB) Project for farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where said project has been introduced in the first phase;

(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has launched IT drive aid for farmers producing horticulture crops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with the Regional Remote Sensing Service Centre (RRSSC), has launched an Agro-climatic Planning and Information Bank (APIB) in three districts, viz. Tumkur, Shimoga and Bijapur in the first phase. This facility is being extended to another six districts viz: Bangalore (Rural), Kolar, Mandya, Mysore, Dakshina Kannada and Dharwad in the second phase. The work will be completed in December 2005.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The APIB Project provides a single window access to users on agriculture and allied sectors with emphasis on information and decision support needs of farmers. APIB is a web enabled application, available on http://horticulture.kar.nic.in/apib. It contains both location specific and general information. The location specific information like soil-crop suitability is available for six districts viz, Bangalore (Rural), Kolar, Mandya, Mysore, Dakshina kannada and Dharwad. General information like package of practices, varietal selection, integrated plant protection, and post harvest technology are available for important horticulture crops.